

form 1 a) little, small; minute (microcephaly) 2 a) abnormally small (microcephaly) 3) involving a microscope, microphone) 4 one millionth part of (micrograph). Also micro- (mī'krō' nā'ē sī) n. the chemical and very small quantities —micro-analytical

bār) n. [MICRO- + BAR] a metric unit of pressure, equal to one dyne per square centimeter

(mī'krō bār'ē grā) n. a barograph, a device for measuring atmospheric pressure

1) n. [Fr < Gr mikro- (see MICRO-)] a) a microscopic organism; esp., any of the bacteria, viruses, or micro-bic adf.

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pair of conjugating gametes in heterogamous sexual reproduction

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rying out stored instructions, etc.: used as the central processing unit of a microcomputer

micro-publishing (-pub'lish-ing) n. publication in microform

micro-pyle (mī'krō pī'lē) n. [Fr < Gr mikro- (see MICRO-): + pyle, gate] 1 Bot. a) a very small opening in the outer coats of an ovule, through which the pollen tube penetrates b) the corresponding opening in the developed seed 2 Zool. a very small opening in the membrane of an ovum of some animals, through which spermatozoa can enter —micro-pylar (-pī'lār) adf.

micro-pyrom-eter (mī'krō pī'rīm'et'ər) n. [MICRO- + PYROMETER] an optical instrument for determining temperature, etc. of minute bodies giving off light or heat

micro-ra-di-o-graph (-rā'dē ō grāf) n. [MICRO- + RADIOGRAPH] an X-ray photograph showing very small details —micro-ra-di-o-graphic adf. —micro-ra-di-o-graphy (-rā'dē ō grāf'ē) n.

micro-scope (mī'krō skōp) n. [ModL microscopium: see MICRO- & SCOPE] an instrument consisting essentially of a lens or combination of lenses, for making very small objects, as microorganisms, look larger so that they can be seen and studied: see also ELECTRON MICROSCOPE

micro-scopic (mī'krō skōp'ik) adf. 1 so small as to be invisible or obscure except through a microscope; extremely small; minute 2 of, with, or as if with a microscope 3 like or suggestive of a microscope; searching; minutely observing Also micro-scop'i-cal —micro-scop'i-cally adv.

Micro-scopium (mī'krō skōp'ē am) a S constellation between Capricornus and Indus

micro-scopy (mī'krō skōp'ē) n. the use of a microscope; investigation by means of a microscope —micro-scop'ist n.

micro-sec-ond (mī'krō sek'ənd) n. [MICRO- + SECOND] one millionth of a second

micro-seism (mī'krō siz'am) n. [μ MICRO- + Gr seismos: see SEISMIC] a very slight tremor or quivering of the earth's crust —micro-seis'mic (-siz'mik, -sis'mik) adf.

micro-some (-sōm) n. [MICRO- + SOME] any of a number of minute granules in the cytoplasm of an active cell, that are filled with enzymes and thought to be associated with protein synthesis —micro-somal adf.

micro-sphere (mī'krō sfīr) n. [MICRO- + SPHERE] any of various minute globules, as the hollow particles used in making lighter plastics or a cell-like structure resembling a proteinoid

micro-spor-an-gium (mī'krō spō'rānjē am) n., pl. -gīa (-ā) [ModL] a sporangium containing microspores, as the pollen sac of the anther in seed plants

micro-spore (mī'krō spōr) n. a haploid spore, usually smaller than a megaspore of the same plant, which gives rise to a male gametophyte: found in all seed plants, where it is an immature pollen grain, and in many lower vascular plants —micro-spore'ic adf.

micro-sporo-phyll (mī'krō spōr'ə fil) n. a sporophyll bearing only microsporangia

micro-stoma-tous (-stām'ə tas, -stō'mā-) adf. [MICRO- + STOMATOUS] having a small mouth; also micro-sto-mous (-krās'ta mas)

micro-struc-ture (mī'krō struk'tchər) n. the structure, as of a metal or alloy, seen under a microscope

micro-surgery (-surj'ər ē) n. surgery performed while viewing through a microscope and using minute instruments or laser beams —micro-surg'i-cal adf.

micro-tome (-tōm) n. [MICRO- + TOME] any of various precision instruments for cutting thin sections, as of organic tissue, for study under the microscope

micro-to-my (mī'krō tōm'ē) n. the skill or work of using a microtome —micro-tō-mist n.

micro-tone (mī'krō tōn) n. Music an interval smaller than a semitone —micro-ton'al adf.

micro-wave (mī'krō wāv) adf. 1 designating or of that part of the electromagnetic spectrum associated with the larger infrared waves and the shorter radio waves: used for radar, communications, etc. and generally regarded as from 300,000 to 300 megahertz 2 designating an oven that cooks quickly by causing microwaves to penetrate the food, generating internal heat —vt. -waved', -waving to cook in a microwave oven —n. 1 any electromagnetic wave of microwave frequency 2 a microwave oven

mic-tu-rate (mīk'tyōō rāt', -tā-) vi. -rat'ed, -rat'ing [see fol. & -ATE] URINATE

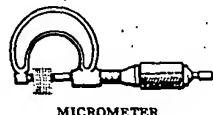
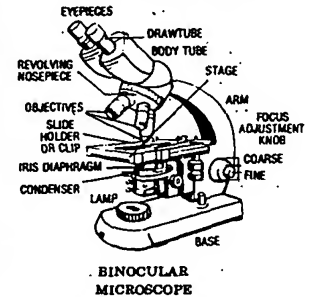
mic-tu-ri-tion (mīk'tyōō rīsh'ən, -tā-) n. [μ L micturitus, pp. of micturare, to desire to urinate < mingere, to urinate < meiere, to urinate < IE base *meigh- > MASH] the act of urinating

mid' (mid) adf. [ME < OE midd-, akin to Goth midjis, ON mīthr < IE *medhjo- > L medius, Gr mesos] < base *me-, between] 1 MIDDLE 2 Phonet. articulated with the tongue in a position approxi-

at, ate, cār; ten, ēve; is, ice; gō, hōrn, look, tōōl; oil, out; up, fur; a for unstressed vowels, as in a go, u in focus; * as in Latin (lat'n); chin; she; zh as in azure (az'h'ər); thin, the; n as in ring (rīn)

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